C.R. 1208
Conf
Pam
#400
Duke University Libraries
Message of the
Conf Pam #400
D99023486+

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 4, 1863.

To the House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering reports from the Surgeon General and the Chief of Engineers, in response to your resolution of the 22d ultimo.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

COMMUNICATION OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

C. S. A., War Department,
Richmond, Va., Feb. 3, 1863.

His Excellency, The President:

Sir: I have the honor to enclose reports from the Surgeon General and the Chief of Engineers, in response to a resolution of the House of Representatives, passed on the 22d ultimo.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

REPLY OF THE SURGEON GENERAL TO A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN REGARD TO COPIES OF CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLIES OF ICE.

C. S. A., Surgeon General's Office,
Richmond, Va., Jan. 24, 1863.

Hon. James A. Seddon,
Secretary of War:

Sir: In reply to the communication of the President of the 23d instant, calling your attention to that portion of a resolution of the House of Representatives, requesting "copies of any *contracts* made during the present winter for supplies of ice," I have to inform you that in the month of November last, I instructed *Mr. Thomas P. Turner*, superintendent of the Government ice house in this city, with a view of obtaining a good supply of the article for the *sick* and *wounded* of the army during the ensuing summer, to make contracts with persons in Henrico and adjoining counties for the delivery of the article at the ice house in this city. The prices per pound or bushel, and other details connected with the contracts, to be fixed by the Provost Marshal.

I herewith enclose a copy of my letter of instructions to Mr. Turner, dated November 14th, 1862, and also a copy of the instructions of the Provost Marshal, (Major E. Griswold) to Mr. Turner, dated on the 17th of the same month. I will add, that as soon as it became known to me that contracts for ice at *seven cents* per pound had been made, I disapproved said contracts, and ordered that not more than *four cents* per pound should be allowed and paid. For much the larger portion of ice delivered the latter price has been paid.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

S. P. MOORE,
Surgeon General.

THE SURGEON GENERAL'S INSTRUCTIONS TO THOMAS P. TURNER, IN REGARD TO THE PURCHASE OF ICE.

C. S. A., Surgeon General's Office,
Richmond, Va., Nov. 14, 1862.

Thomas P. Turner, Esq.,
Richmond, Va.:

Sir: I hereby authorize you as an agent of the medical and hospital department, to proceed to the counties of *New Kent, Henrico, Hanover, Chesterfield* and *Powhatan* to collect and contract for ice, to be delivered by parties in those counties, or hauled by Government as the case may be, for the use of the sick and wounded of the C. S. Army, and will pay or cause to be paid to you, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five ($125) dollars per month, so long as you may be engaged in the same. In regard to the *price* to be paid for ice and *details*, you will receive *specific* instructions from the *Provost Marshal*.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed,) S. P. MOORE,
Surgeon General.

PROVOST MARSHAL'S INSTRUCTIONS TO MR. T. P. TURNER AS TO CONTRACTS FOR ICE.

PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, November 17, 1862.

THOMAS P. TURNER, ESQ.,
Richmond, Va.:

SIR: Under instructions from the Surgeon General, you are hereby ordered to rent an ice house, to contract for and have put in proper order and repairs such ice house on as reasonable terms as the same can be done. You are further ordered to contract for, and purchase for the use of the sick and wounded in the hospitals in around Richmond, ice, the cost of said ice not to exceed three cents. per pound, where the same is not delivered at the ice house, and not to exceed ten cents. per pound where the same is delivered at the ice house. These purchases to be made as reasonable as possible.

By order of

E. GRISWOLD,
Major and Provost Marshal.

J. G. GRISWOLD, Adjutant.

COMMUNICATION FROM MAJOR A. L. RIVES, IN RELATION TO THE CONTRACTS FOR ICE WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE ENGINEER BUREAU.

C. S. A., War Department, Engineer Bureau,
Richmond, Va., February 2d, 1863.

Hon. James A. Seddon,
Secretary of War:

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for your consideration, the contracts for ice which have been made under the direction of this Bureau, with parties at various points on the line of the James River and Kanawha Canal.

Ninety-seven thousand six hundred and eighty bushels (97,680), or about thirty-five hundred tons of ice have been contracted for, at prices varying from 75 to 90 cents. per bushel of 72 1-4 pounds, or from $20.76 to $24.91 per ton of 2,000 pounds. These prices are equivalent to, from one to one and a quarter cents. per pound, and are to be paid for all ice taken by the Government on or before the first day of May, 1863; on all taken after that date, there is an increase for each month thereafter, of about 1-8 cent. per pound.

Should there be a total failure in the season, the Government has, in two of the contracts, viz: those with Graham and Locher, agreed to pay one half, and in case of a partial failure, a proportionate part of the cost of building the necessary houses.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

A. L. RIVES,
Major and Assistant to Chief Engineer.

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2010 with funding from
Duke University Libraries

http://www.archive.org/details/messageofpreside11conf

Permalife®
pH 8.5